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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

DOES I, <i>et al.</i> ,)	Civil Action No. 01-0031
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Plaintiffs)	
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v.)	ORDER AFTER
)	STATUS CONFERENCE
THE GAP, INC., <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants)	
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_____)	

A status conference was scheduled in this matter for 9:00 a.m. today. At that time, Mr. Bellas, representing the Garment Oversight Board, was present in the courtroom. No other party or attorney appeared on the record. A few minutes after the hearing began, a member of the Clerk of Court's staff brought into the courtroom a filing and proposed order that had been electronically filed by attorney Joyce C.H. Tang, on behalf of all plaintiffs' counsel, at 8:57 a.m.

1 Obviously, Mr. Bellas also had not received a copy of the late filing. This filing
2 violated both federal and local rules in several respects. In addition, the timing of
3 the filing displayed a cavalier disregard for the court and its docket, and for Mr.
4 Bellas. Finally, and most troublesome to the court, Mr. Bellas represented that the
5 filing did not accurately reflect the agreement that had been reached between the
6 parties and which was to be presented to the court for its consideration and
7 signature.
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11 The court granted Mr. Bellas' oral motion for yet another continuance, this
12 one to enable him to contact plaintiffs' attorneys to obtain a written stipulation and
13 proposed order that accurately reflects the agreement between counsel. The court
14 expects that counsel will treat each other and the court with civility and utmost
15 candor, and to extend professional courtesies as a matter of course.
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18 The continued status conference is set for October 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.
19 Failure of any counsel to observe the federal and local rules, or to fail to appear at
20 the hearing, may result in sanctions being imposed. If the parties have reached
21 agreement and a proposed order is submitted to, and signed by, the court prior to
22 October 4, 2007,
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1 the hearing will automatically come off-calendar without further order of the
2 court.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED this 27th day of September, 2007.
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10 ALEX R. MUNSON

11 Judge
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